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Water Supply Committee and Climate Impacts Subcommittee to Meet Thursday

An unseasonably warm and dry March has decreased snowpacks and has caused summer streamflow forecasts to be significantly reduced from a month ago. Snowpacks in most Idaho river basins are now just 40 percent to 70 percent of average as of April 1st, traditionally considered the date in which most mountain snow amounts peak.

The Water Supply Committee will assess the effects of an especially dry January and March and will address the implications for Idaho's water users when members meet Thursday morning (4/12) at the Idaho Water Center building. Snowpacks, streamflow forecasts, and reservoir storage will be discussed in detail by the committee, which includes hydrologists, meteorologists, and water experts.

A meeting of the Climate Impacts Subcommittee will follow that afternoon in the same meeting location. Representatives from the public and private sector will present their interests and provide an overview of ongoing and planned activities to address impacts due to long term climate change and its effects on the region, Idaho and Idaho's future water supply. The meetings are open to the public.

When: Thursday April 12, 2007

Where: Idaho Water Center, 322 E. Front Street, Boise, in Room 162, located on the 1st floor in the Southeast corner of the University of Idaho lobby area. (Note: both meetings will be held in Room 162)

Time: Water Supply Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Climate Impacts Subcommittee at 1:00 p.m.